



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

May 6, 2021

Radio License Holding CBC, LLC
3280 Peachtree Road, NW
Suite 2200
Atlanta, GA 30305

Re: Radio License Holding CBC, LLC
WNML(AM), Knoxville, TN
Fac. ID No.: 16894
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed May 4, 2021, on behalf of Radio License Holding CBC, LLC ("RLH"). RLH requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WNML(AM) during nighttime hours with parameters at variance from its licensed facilities and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.¹

In support of the request, RLH states that an STA is necessary due to damage sustained to the ground system and buss straps around the taller nondirectional day tower which is the #1 tower of the directional night array. The damage occurred in the preparation of a gravel surface within the fenced area of the tower. The removal of the existing fencing to allow for access around the base of the tower coupled with the grading process, resulted in the damage.

Thus, WNML(AM) requests STA to allow nighttime operation at variance from the licensed parameters until the repairs to the ground system can be completed. Specifically, a directional power of 10 kilowatts nighttime or a reduced power if necessary, is requested while maintaining monitor points within the maximum specified limits.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. WNML(AM) may operate during nighttime hours with parameters at variance from its licensed facilities and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WNML(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² WNML(AM) must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **November 2, 2021**.

¹ WNML(AM) is licensed for operation on 990 kHz with a daytime and nighttime power of 10 kilowatts, employing a directional antenna pattern at night (DAN-U).

² *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.61(b).

STA Advisory: Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest." However, Section 309(f) is not a means by which a licensee/permittee may circumvent established processing procedures which require the filing of an application, nor is it a means by which a broadcaster may enhance his facility or make operation more convenient for the broadcaster. Stations operating with less than licensed facilities under temporary authorities can be viewed as receiving the benefit of a larger protection area than that in which they are currently providing service.

Accordingly, Special Temporary Authorities by nature are to be temporary and are not intended for extended use. Licensees of stations operating under temporary authorities are reminded that timely restoration of permanent facilities is the responsibility of the licensee and should be undertaken expeditiously. Any request for extension of special temporary authorities carries an increased burden with each subsequent request.

Therefore, requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or
- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jerome J. Manarchuck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "J" and a long, sweeping tail.

Jerome J. Manarchuck
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Mark N. Lipp, Esq. (via email only)